



The Pipeline

KECC Pledge Drive Begins

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Gash of the CBS office in Anderson County, and Debbie McIntosh of Owsley County Family Support prepared the display.

For the basketball-themed kickoff, the group collected personal-care items for the Chrysalis House, a women's recovery center in Lexington. They arranged the items around a basketball bean bag and inside a basketball net with a hula hoop for a giant rim.

Fall Events

Some special events to help KECC will be on tap later this fall.

On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 16, the Office of the Ombudsman will hold an all-day yard sale in the lobby. Ombudsman's office staff is now collecting donations. If you'd like to contribute anything but clothes, contact Rodney Moore or Michele Harrod at (502) 564-5497.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, the KECC planning committee will throw a Halloween Bash in the CHR building's back lawn. The lunchtime celebration will include games, music, food and prizes. Stay tuned to Pipeline for details.

Employee Personnel Information Available Online

The following link will take you to an open letter to state employees regarding the new Kentucky Employee self-service system, ClickHR. This letter is your invitation to try the new on-line system.

ClickHR is a new web-based system that uses a web browser to provide you, and only you, with instant access to your personal information.

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/personnel/kessltr.htm>

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The 2001 Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign has begun. CFC staff should have their pledge forms, plus a campaign booklet that describes the participating charities.

You can choose to donate to one of the campaign's six main charities, a participating United Way agency, or another eligible organization. This year's statewide goal is \$1.5 million. Last year the Cabinet for Families and Children raised \$131,461. KECC Coordinator Bonnie Cox said she hopes CFC staff will give \$150,000 this year.

"Each year we get a little better," said Cox of the Disabilities Determinations Services Department. "I'd like to get at least 50 percent participation from our staff."

Employees are encouraged to turn in pledge forms to their office's KECC representative by the end of September. If you haven't gotten your pledge form, ask your KECC representative or contact Bonnie Cox at (502) 564-5028 or by e-mail at Bcox@mail.state.ky.us.

Your booklet has all the information you need. Or you can log onto <http://www.kecc.org/>.



CFC already is getting attention from KECC. At the statewide KECC Tipoff last month in the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, CFC was given the "Most Colorful Table Display" award for its exhibit. Bonnie Cox, Leah Jeffries of KIPDA Rural Regional Office, Teresa

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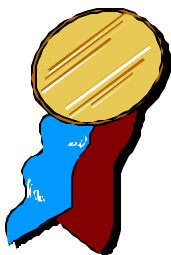
The communications staff of the Cabinet for Families and Children won awards or honorable mention in seven of the 28 categories in the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators awards contest for the year 2000.

The Cabinet failed to win any first-place Awards of Excellence but did receive five second-place Awards of Merit at a luncheon held Aug. 28 at Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort.

The communications staff won recognition in three categories for a worker recruitment campaign entitled "You can make a difference: Career opportunities at the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children." Materials produced for the campaign won Awards of Merit in the categories of public information campaign (for which no Award of Excellence was given) and four-color brochure, and a video produced for the campaign won honorable mention.

The communications staff also won Awards of Merit for the internal newsletter "CFS Focus," which reports on the implementation of Comprehensive Family Services, and the brochure "More than a paycheck . . . A guide to employee benefits."

The Cabinet's on-line magazine, "CFC Online," won an Award of Merit in a category called "doing it on the cheap," which recognizes excellence achieved at minimal cost. "CFC Online" also won honorable mention in the internet web page category, and a brochure entitled "20 ways you can keep YOUR kids safer in day care" won honorable mention in the four-color brochure competition.



Cook Replaces Nelson as CFC Regional Office Head

By Mike Jennings, CFC Communications

Mary Cook (pictured above), a 14-year veteran of the Cabinet for Families and Children, has been named regional administrator of the Cabinet's 10-county Barren River Region.

Cook replaces Theresa Nelson, who retired Aug. 31. Nelson has accepted a new, part-time position as coordinator of the Cabinet's efforts to win national accreditation for its child and adult protection programs.

Cook began her CFC career as a treatment worker in child protection and adoption services in Warren County. In 1996, she was promoted to foster care and adoption specialist for the region.

She also served as a treatment specialist until she was named the region's administrator associate for protection and permanency in 1999. She has also served as the region's clinical associate since April.

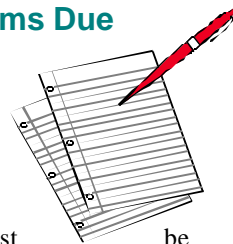
She holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Western Kentucky University and a master's degree, also in social work, from the University of Louisville.

Nelson called Cook "a critical component" in the region's recent success in becoming the first service region in Kentucky to have met standards for national accreditation. Formal accreditation of the Cabinet's protective services by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Service will occur when all 16 service regions have won similar approval.

The Cabinet's Barren River region encompasses Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson and Warren counties.

Insurance Forms Due Sept. 28

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications



All 2002 health insurance forms must be turned into the CFC Personnel Office by Sept. 28. Employees should have forms and information about the plans.

If you choose to enroll or re-enroll in the Commonwealth Choice Flexible Spending account, you must complete the appropriate paperwork. This is the case even if you are not changing insurance carriers.

All insurance information is online at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/personnel/oepi.htm>.

Sick Leave Needs

Donna Carter with CFC's Office of Program Support General Accounting Section is in need of donated sick leave. To donate leave time, contact CeCe Long at 564-7463.



Maurica Ellis, OPE, is in need of donated sick leave. To donate leave time, contact Gloria Calhoun at 564-5402.

Keeping Our Building Safe

Employees, remember your ID badges! Otherwise, to enter the CHR Building you must go in the lobby doors and see the security officers for clearance.

Also, remember to wear your badge throughout the day for identification purposes.

Cooperation from all employees enables the security officers to keep our workplace safe.